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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of)
W. Vreeland)
) Group Art Unit: 3724
for Multi-Layered Comfort Strip)
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Serial No.: 10/733,543)
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

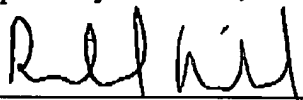
This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed November 16, 2005, having a period for response set to expire on December 16, 2005. In the Office Action, the Examiner has required the election of a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Applicant hereby elects Species I for prosecution. The claims readable on Species I are claims 1-14 and 21.

Applicant understands that upon allowance of a generic claim, Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR §1.141.

Applicant believes that the foregoing election fully complies with the Office Action and that all claims of the application are allowable. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicant's attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Applicant believes that no fees are due with the submission of this Response. If, however, it is deemed that any fees are in fact due, they may be charged to Deposit Account No. 503342 maintained by Applicant's attorneys.

Respectfully submitted,

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